In The News



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For an appointment with any City Council member, please call 863-984-1375 x 238 City Council Meetings are the 3rd Monday each Month at 7:00 pm



POLK CITY STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH EACH OF YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.



POLK CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013 AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013.

THE OFFICES AND THE LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT NOON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29. WE WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013.

Recap of October 21, 2013 City Council Meeting

- 1. Central Florida Regional Planning Council - Planning Advisory Services Contract. Approved
- GAI Consultants Proposal for Professional Services under the Continuing Professional Consulting 2. Agreement with City of Polk City ERC and Billing Frequency Analysis. Approved
- 3. City Manager Evaluation Overview. Approved
- Resolution 2013-07 A resolution of the City of Polk City recognizing City Government Week, October 20-26, 2013 and encouraging all citizens to support the celebration and corresponding activities. **Approved**

Polk Lity Visioning

The City is working to develop a Vision Plan for the Downtown Area of Polk City to provide a unified direction in achieving the community's goals for the City's future, which is a key part of implementing a long-term plan to promote economic development in this rural community. This Plan will allow stakeholders including business owners and residents in the community to come together to provide their input for a unified vision for the future of the City.

Please go click on the link below to take the Visioning Survey for Polk City: http://www.cfrpc.org/PolkCityVisioning

Polk City Library

The library will begin collecting candy for the 2013 Christmas parade, so if you wish to donate a bag of candy, please be certain it is individually wrapped. We will be collecting "Food for Fines" until the first of the year. These canned goods or other non-perishable items will be donated to a local food bank. Lego Club begins on Monday November 4 from 3:30-5:00 pm. We have the Lego's, so bring your imagination. On Thursday afternoons we will continue "Make It and

Take It Crafts". We will have a new and exciting craft every Thursday. All crafting supplies will be furnished by the library. Book Club is November 19, at 6:00 pm. The November reading selection is the *Dove Keeper*'s by Alice Hoffman. If you would like to join us, please see the library staff for a copy of the book. Computer classes have been scheduled for Tuesday mornings in November from 10 am to 12 Noon. Call the library for more details - 863-984-4340. On Tuesday, December 10 the Library will hold its annual Open House from 3:30-5:30pm. Refreshments provided, crafts for the kids and Mrs. Santa Claus will be here. A professional photographer onsite taking pictures free of charge. The pictures will be available for pick up on Monday, December 16.

2013 Christmas Parade

On Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 2:00 pm, Polk City will host its Annual Christmas Parade. Bring the kids out for an exciting parade and fun filled time after the parade at Freedom Park, 7750 Berkley Road. Great food, crafts and other fun vendor items for sale. Vendor/participant application deadline is Monday, November 18, 2013. **Vendor space is still available** - 10 x 10 space is \$20.00. Call Sheandolen Dunn at 863-984-1375 ext. 238 for more details.

Vtilities Department

During the holiday months of November and December, the meter reading schedule will be as follows:

November- 11/21/13-11/27/13 December- 12/20/13-12/26/13

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 BY 5:00 P.M. TO AVOID LATE FEES

If you have any questions regarding utilities, please call Polk City Utilities – 863- 874- 4808, Monday - Thursday during business Hours. Polk City Utilities emergency number is 1 -866- 815- 0074. Please use this number FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!!!!

Other Happenings @ Polk County

NOVEMBER EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS AT POLK MUSEUM OF ART

Exhibitions Paintings of the Space Age Through December 7. This exhibition featuring selections from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum will be the second major project undertaken by the Polk Museum of Art as a Smithsonian Affiliate. Although the National Air and Space Museum is known internationally.

LEGOLAND FLORIDA SALUTES MILITARY VETERANS WITH FREE ADMISSION AND MORE

Military Veterans Receive Free Admission Plus Family Member Discounts LEGOLAND Florida salutes the military veterans of the United States Armed Forces with appreciation days Nov. 1-17, 2013. In gratitude for their service, all military veterans are entitled to free admission to LEGOLAND Florida every day during the 17-day period. Veterans are also entitled to discounted tickets

^{***}If you have community activities or news that would be of interest to the Polk City service area, please contact Sheandolen Dunn - sheandolen.dunn@mypolkcity.org - 863-984-1375, extension 238